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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04739.0081

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Morio OBA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2128  
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Serial No.: 10/812,935 ) Examiner: Saif A. Alhija  
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Filed: March 31, 2004 )  
) Confirmation No.: 5293  
For: DESIGN DATA GENERATING )  
APPARATUS AND DESIGN DATA )  
GENERATING METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated June 4, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to design data generating apparatus/method utilizing transformation of allocated shapes; and
- II. Claims 12-51, drawn to design data generating apparatus/method utilizing transformation of allocated shapes by movement of edge lines as well as cross sectional shape analysis.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11 drawn to design data generating apparatus/method utilizing transformation of allocated shapes.

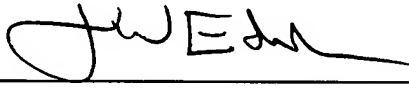
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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